



California State Association of Counties
1100 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 327-7500

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 3, 2013

Contact: Gregg Fishman, Communications Coordinator
916-327-7500, ext. 516
916-342-9508 mobile

CSAC RELEASES STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO CDCR FILING

SACRAMENTO - The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) today released the following statement from David Finigan, President of CSAC and Del Norte County Supervisor, in response to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation filing a plan to further reduce the prison population in accordance with a court order.

“Governor Brown and the State Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation have made significant progress in the past couple of years in reducing the prison population. Counties have shouldered much of that burden through public safety realignment, and we remain committed to our now larger role in community-based corrections and rehabilitation. We also are gratified that the Governor and CDCR have recognized that shifting responsibility for more offenders to the county level would have a negative impact on the progress we are already making. We completely concur with the paragraph below *(in italics)* from CDCR’s filing to the court, and we are grateful that the Governor and CDCR recognize the significant contributions counties continue to make toward relieving overcrowding in the state’s prison system.”

“Counties are working admirably to handle the big challenges realignment presents, but those challenges are real and substantial. Realigning the few remaining lower-level but nevertheless serious offenses, and further increasing the parole population by expediting the release of prisoners, would require the counties to incarcerate and supervise even more offenders. Now is absolutely not the time to impose further obligations on already strained counties. ”

The California State Association of Counties is the voice of California’s 58 counties at the state and federal level.

###